

REMARKS

In response to the pending Office Action, Applicants have cancelled claims 4 and 11-17, without prejudice, as these were subject to a restriction requirement and not elected from prosecution on the merits in the above-identified application. In addition, claims 2, 20, 21 and 24 have been amended so as to address the antecedent basis issue raised in the Office Action. It is respectfully submitted that, as amended, claims 2 and 20-24 fully comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

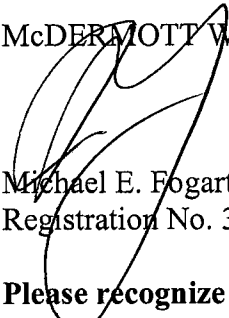
As claims 2 and 20-24 were indicated to be allowable if amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and no other objections or rejections are pending, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2 and 20-24 are now in condition for allowance.

Having fully and completely responded to the Office Action, Applicants submit that all of the claims are now in condition for allowance, an indication of which is respectfully solicited.

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